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For: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A METAL-ORGANIC COMPOUND
COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE IMINE LIGAND**

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March 23, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 14, 2007 and the request for further information, as a specific ligand and a specific base to facilitate the initial search strategy of the examiner, applicants select tri-tert-butyl-aminophosphoniumchloride ($t\text{-Bu}_3\text{PCINH}_2$) triethylamine, respectively.

Tri-tert-butyl-aminophosphoniumchloride is the HCl adduct of the corresponding imine ligand.

The claims that include the ligand are: 1-16.

The claims that include the base are: 1-5.

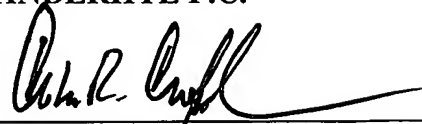
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An early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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